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SUBJECT: York County Prison, PA – Waiver Request (Facility Security and Control)

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Philadelphia Field Office/York County Prison as it relates to the Facility Security and Control Standard in Detention Facilities, Section (V)(2)(a), (V)(2)(b), and (V)(2)(c) within the 2008 Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) which states “The post officer shall log the following information on every vehicle: tag number, driver's name, firm represented, vehicle contents, date, time in, time out, and facility employee responsible for the vehicle on-site”.

Background

As the April 19, 2012, ODO Compliance Inspection of the York County Prison reported “York County Prison policy does not include procedures for documenting vehicles entering the facility. Vehicles enter the facility by pulling up to an intercom connected to central control. The driver verbally self-identifies, and the control officer opens the gate. A camera captures the vehicle's entry, exit, and activity while within the secure perimeter; however, the driver's license is not requested, checked, or held while the driver is in the facility (Deficiency FS&C-1). Information such as tag numbers, driver names, firms represented, vehicle contents, current date, time in, time out, and the facility employee responsible for the vehicle while it is on-site, are not recorded in a log (Deficiency FS&C-2). Vehicles are not searched before being allowed to exit the facility (Deficiency FS&C-3), which poses an escape risk. Control and documentation of vehicular access within the secure perimeter is critical to facility security”.

Discussion

York County Prison does not have a means to allow vehicles to enter any secure part of the facility or cross a secure parameter therefore there is no vehicle traffic entering the facility. ODO observed a secure parking area at admissions which allows Law Enforcement to pull

their vehicles into the area to facilitate prisoner movement to/from admissions. Officers then escort their prisoners through two more secure doors before entering the facility on foot. This admissions area is for Law Enforcement Personnel only. Upon entering the first secure door, Officers are required to present a badge and credentials before being allowed to enter the second door. At no time does any vehicle enter the secure facility.

Approve / date jmb 11/13/12

Disapprove / date _____

Modify / date _____

Needs more discussion _____